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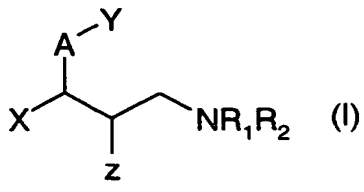

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(57) Abstract: There is provided a compound of formula (I) wherein A is selected from -O- and -S-; X is selected from phenyl optionally substituted with up to 5 substituents each independently selected from halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl and C_1-C_4 alkoxy, thienyl optionally substituted with up to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo and C_1-C_4 alkyl, and C_2-C_8 alkyl, C_2-C_8 alkenyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl and C_4-C_8 cycloalkylalkyl, each of which may be optionally substituted with up to 3 substituents each independently selected from halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_4 alkyl-S(O)n- where n is 0, 1 or 2, $-CF_3$, -CN and $-CONH_2$; Y is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, dihydrobenzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoisothiazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, naphthyridyl, thienopyridyl, indanyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, benzothienyl, indolyl and benzofuranyl, each of which may be optionally substituted with up to 4 or, where possible, up to 5 substituents each independently selected from halo, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, C_1-C_4 alkyl-S(O)n- where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, $-CF_3$, $-SCF_3$ and cyano; and when Y is indolyl it may be substituted or further substituted by an N-substituent selected from C_1-C_4 alkyl; Z is selected from OR_3 or F, wherein R_3 is selected from H, C_1-C_6 alkyl and phenyl C_1-C_6 alkyl; R_1 and R_2 are each independently H or C_1-C_4 alkyl; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereofwith the proviso that when Y is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted 1,3-benzodioxolyl and Z is OR_3 and X is optionally substituted phenyl then A is -S-.

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